



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a compressed product of isomaltulose, isomalt or mixtures containing 6-O- α -D-glucopyranosyl-D-sorbitol ("1,6-GPS") and 1-O- α -D-glucopyranosyl-D-mannitol ("1,1-GPM"), which are characterized by quantity ratios of 1,1-GPM to 1,6-GPS which differ from those of isomalt and/or contain other sugar alcohols, wherein

- a) the isomaltulose, isomalt and/or the mixture containing 1,6-GPS and 1,1-GPM is ground dry,
- b) at the same time or thereafter, a ground fraction of the isomaltulose, the isomalt or the mixture containing 1,6-GPS and 1,1-GPM with a maximum particle diameter of 100 μm is obtained or separated,
- c) the ground fraction is agglomerated with the addition of a liquid binder, and
- d) then it is compressed to form a compressed product.

2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the mixture containing 1,6-GPS and 1,1-GPM is a mixture of 10 wt% to 50 wt% 1,6-GPS, 2 wt% to 20 wt% 1,1-GPS and 30 wt% to 70 wt% 1,1-GPM, or a mixture of 5 wt% to 10 wt% 1,6-GPS, 30 wt% to 40 wt% 1,1-GPS and 45 wt% to 60 wt% 1,1-GPM, or a mixture enriched with 1,6-GPS with a 1,6-GPS content of 57 wt% to 99 wt% and a 1,1-GPM content of 43 wt% to 1 wt% or a mixture enriched with 1,1-GPM with a 1,6-GPS content of 1 wt% to 43 wt% and a 1,1-GPM content of 57 wt% to 99 wt%.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the particle diameter is $\leq 50 \mu\text{m}$.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, wherein the particle diameter is $\leq 30 \mu\text{m}$.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the milling is performed in an air separation ball mill or in a combination of a mill and a downstream air classifier.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims Claim 1~~, wherein additives or auxiliary substances are introduced during milling.
7. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims Claim 1~~, wherein the liquid binder is a solution or suspension of isomalt, a mixture containing 1,6-GPS and 1,1-GPM characterized by quantity ratios of 1,1-GPM to 1,6-GPS which differ from those of isomalt, and also containing fat and gelatin or collidone.
8. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims Claim 1~~, wherein the liquid binder is added to the separated ground fraction by spraying.
9. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims Claim 1~~, wherein the liquid binder is added to the separated ground fraction through a nozzle.
10. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims Claim 1~~, wherein agglomeration is performed intermittently in a fluidized-bed agglomerator or in a continuously operated installation.
11. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims Claim 1~~, wherein the liquid binder is added to the separated ground fraction in a form in which it is heated to a temperature above room temperature.
12. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims Claim 1~~, wherein additives and/or flavorings are added to the agglomerate after adding the liquid binder and before pressing.
13. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims Claim 1~~, wherein size fractionation of the agglomerate is performed after adding the liquid binder and before pressing.
14. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims Claim 13~~, wherein the size fractionation of the agglomerate ~~according to Claim 13~~ is performed in a screening machine.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the agglomerate is dried after agglomeration.

16. (Currently Amended) A compressed product that can be produced according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1.

17. (Currently Amended) An agglomerate that can be produced by process steps a) through c) according to ~~one of Claims 1 through 15~~ Claim 1.